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時が求めるから

With the two reunited, part 2 of Maoyuu starts now!

I'M BACK.

WELCOME HOME.

HMM...

HMM?

AH.

AHHH

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HHH!

Chapter 23: There Are Times for War, and There Are Times for Peace

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AHH!

UGH!

PHEW!

THAT SHOULD DO IT FOR NOW.

HAA...

HAA...

HAA...

BUT...

MAKE SURE YOU GET A GOOD REST, OKAY?

THANKFULLY IT WASN'T TOO COMPLICATED!

BY THE WAY...

THE CUT WAS SUPER CLEAN!

CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT OUTFIT?

L-L-LIKE WHAT?!

HMM?

I WAS COMPLETELY NAKED WHEN I WOKE UP,

AND THE ONLY THING I COULD FIND WAS HEAD MAID'S APRON!

OKAY, OKAY! DON'T SHAKE THEM!

HOW'S IT GOING OVER THERE?

IS EVERYONE DOING OKAY?

THERE'S A LOT GOING ON *ABOVE*.

IT'S A MESS.

I SEE...

SO YOU FOUND OUT...

YEAH,

FEMALE MAGICIAN TOLD ME.

THAT THE HUMAN WORLD AND THE DEMON WORLD ARE TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN.

OH BOY...
WHERE SHOULD
I EVEN BEGIN?

FROM THE
BEGINNING. TELL
ME EVERYTHING.

ミュウ…
ミュウゥ…
ドサ…

IT STARTED TO SNOW IN NORTHERN PRAIRIE AS WELL.

SIR!

WINTER NATION GOVERNMENT DISTRICT

カッ、カッ、カッ

SO WAR HAS BEEN PREVENTED?

TEMPORARILY, YES.

YES,

CENTRAL HAS GIVEN UP THEIR PLANS FOR A QUICK RESOLUTION.

DID CENTRAL RETREAT?

THE SKY IS UNDER SOUTHERN UNITED KINGDOM'S FAVOR TOO.

THIS WILL BE THE IDEAL MOMENT FOR ESTABLISHING A LARGE MARKET.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?

CENTRAL'S HOLY CHURCH

OVERESTIMATED THEIR INFLUENCE.

REDISTRIBUTING THEIR CURRENCY IS MEANINGLESS TOO.

CENTRAL'S CURRENCY HAS ALREADY STARTED MOVING DOWN THE PATH OF SELF-DESTRUCTION IN SOME OF CENTRAL'S CORE NATIONS.

THE WAR HAS PASSED, RIGHT?

THEN THE SPEARS SHOULD BE PUT BACK TO THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACE.

THEN THIS IS WHERE WE DRAW THE LINE.

has its rightful season,

and every action has its rightful moment.

Every creature under this heaven

There are times for love,

...there are times for grudge

There are times for tears,

there are times for laughter

There are times for birth,

there are times for death

There are times for somber,

there are times for joy

There are times for starving,

there are times for hunting

There are times for war

and there are times for peace

There are times for patience

there are times for action

There are times for killing,

there are times for healing

ISN'T THAT WHY I CAME TO THIS COUNTRY?

TO MAKE THE FINAL DECISION?

DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE IN THAT?

THERE'S NO PLACE FOR COMPASSION IN BUSINESS

THERE ARE OCCASIONS WHEN YOU SEEM TO REJECT YOUR INDIFFERENCE

DEAD MERCHANT IS STEADFAST WHEN IT COMES TO BUSINESS

BUT THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU SEEM FRAGILE

I WON'T BE HELPING YOU

LIKE I HELPED MY FIANCÉE

THAT IS INDEED TRUE WHEN SYMPATHY IS UNCONTROLLED

BUT WHY ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF SHOWING IT WHEN YOU POSSESS THE SKILL TO WIELD IT AS YOUR WEAPON?

UNDERSTOOD

GUESS I'LL TRY AND GO TO HOLY CHURCH'S AID

LOOKS LIKE THERE IS NO EASY WAY OUT OF THIS

AIMING FOR

YOU CAN FIND "PROFIT" AMONGST THE TWO ONLY WHEN THERE'S HEALTHY COMPETITION

IN A MERCHANT'S

YOU ARE GOING TO SAVE THEM?

SOUTHERN KINGDOM?

REAPING THE BENEFIT OF A LONG-TERM INVESTMENT RATHER

THAT IS MY DECISION

YOU ARE THE

WINTER NATION ROYAL PALACE

NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, MERCHANT

AND IT'S WONDERFUL TO FINALLY MEET YOU.

KING IRON FIST AND BLIZZARD QUEEN.

LONG TIME NO SEE, LONE WINTER KING

THAT IS AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT!

ALL OF IT?!

WE, UNION, WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE ALL THE POTATOES STORED IN THE THREE NATION ALLIANCE'S NATIONAL RESERVES.

HERE'S MY FIRST PROPOSITION.

WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON USING IT FOR?

ADDITIONALLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE ALL THE EXTRA POTATOES

THAT WILL BE PRODUCED UNTIL SPRING.

WE WILL COMPLIMENT THE SHORTAGE BY RELEASING SOME AMOUNTS OF WHEAT

AS IT IS NOT OUR INTENT TO PROLONG THE STARVATION.

RIGHT NOW, CENTRAL IS SUFFERING FROM A SEVERE SHORT-AGE OF FOOD.

THEY WOULD EAT POTATOES RATHER THAN DIE OF HUNGER

ARE YOU NOT AWARE THAT POTATOES HAS BEEN LABELED A HERETIC FOOD BY THEIR CHURCH?!

WE'LL BE SELLING THEM TO CENTRAL.

No one will buy them!

NO.

SO UNION WILL BE TAKING THE THREE NATION TRADE ALLIANCE'S SIDE??

AS A RESULT THERE WILL BE NATIONS THAT WILL START TO LEAN TOWARDS THE THREE NATION TRADE ALLIANCE.

BUT IF THESE THINGS PLAY OUT LIKE I JUST DESCRIBED.

IT DOES NOT MEAN UNION HAS A SPECIAL LIKING FOR THE THREE NATION TRADE ALLIANCE.

THOSE THAT HAS TO EAT POTATO WILL HAVE NO CHOICE

BUT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT IS NOT A DEMONIC FOOD.

[illegal]

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YET, THE THREE NATION TRADE ALLIANCE EMERGED UNDER THAT ENVIRONMENT.

A MILITARY FORCE OTHER THAN THE HOLY KINGSLAND AND A RELIGION OTHER THAN THE CHURCH OF HOLY SPIRIT OF LIGHT

SUCH THINGS HAS NEVER BEEN WITNESSED BEFORE IN THE HISTORY OF THIS CONTINENT

THIS CONTINENT HAS ALWAYS BEEN RULED BY THE HOLY KINGSLAND AND THE CHURCH OF HOLY SPIRIT OF LIGHT TOGETHER AS A SINGLE FIGUREHEAD.

THEY WERE ABLE TO ELIMINATE ANY OPPOSING FORCES THROUGH MILITARY POWER.

IT IS CALLED A "MARKET" IN A MERCHANT'S DICTIONARY.

ALTHOUGH IT'S STILL SMALL IN SIZE, IT YIELDS A BRAND NEW OPPORTUNITY

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INFLUENTIAL ECONOMIC POWER.

IS THAT YOUR MAIN GOAL?

BUT IF THERE ARE TWO VERY DIFFERENT FORCES,

WHEN THERE IS ONLY ONE NATION, YOU HAVE A NARROW AVENUE FOR BUSINESS.

HOW WIDE DO YOU THINK OUR ROAD WILL GET?

THAT SOUNDS. ABOUT RIGHT

OR 1.55 POUNDS OF BARLEY FOR EVERY POUND OF POTATO?

HOW ABOUT AN EXCHANGE RATE OF 0.7 POUNDS OF WHEAT

FIRST, THE POTATOES.

I UNDERSTOOD WHAT YOU'VE SAID SO FAR.

WHAT PRICE ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY FOR THAT?

THIS IS NOT ABOUT MAKING A PROFIT

IN THIS CASE, I AM SELLING AN IDEA OR A THOUGHT

I LEARNED TO DO BUSINESS THIS WAY FROM A *CERTAIN PERSON.*

THIS ONE IS FREE.

NEXT, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW FINANCIAL MARKET

HMM.

ABOUT THE BANK.

LET'S SEE. IF POSSIBLE,

IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU CAN GRANT PERMISSIONS FOR STARTING OUR UNION BRANCH AND BANKING BUSINESS.

UNION WILL BE DOING BUSINESS WITHIN THAT NEWLY ESTABLISHED MARKET

SO WE WILL STILL BE MAKING A PROFIT

BUT.

DOES THE ORDER POSSESS ANYTHING OF VALUE WORTHY OF SUCH AN INVESTMENT?

IT'S A CRUCIAL STEP AGAINST THE CHURCH OF HOLY SPIRIT OF LIGHT

CAN YOU HELP US COLLECT THE FUNDS?

WE WOULD LIKE TO BUILD MONASTERIES FOR LAKE SHORE ORDER IN EVERY COUNTRY.

BUT WE ARE SHORT ON MONEY.

WHAT?!

SMALLPOX PREVENTION? IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?!

THESE MONASTERIES WILL BE PROVIDING TREATMENTS TO PREVENT SMALLPOX.

BUT ARE YOU SURE

ABOUT LEAKING SUCH AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF INFORMATION TO A MERCHANT LIKE ME?

OKAY

UNION WILL PREPARE FINANCIAL AIDS WORTH 2 MILLION GOLD PIECES ON YOUR FIRST YEAR.

IS IT *HER*?

IT'S HER CLAN.

THAT'S RIGHT

IT'S THE SAME FOR BOTH SCHOLARS.

BUT ALSO A WISE AND MIGHTY SOUL

ALTHOUGH WE DON'T MEET OFTEN,

SHE NOT ONLY POSSESS A BEAUTIFUL SMILE,

YES.

YOU'VE MET CRIMSON SCHOLAR, RIGHT?

BUT I AM STILL A MERCHANT

I WON'T BACK DOWN WHEN IT COMES TO BUSINESS.

I EXPECT NOTHING LESS.

I THINK I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE SAYING

I CAN FEEL THE SPROUT GROWING WITHIN YOU.

I BELIEVE SHE PLANTS A SEED

IN EVERYONE SHE MEETS.

THEN.

SHALL WE GET TO TODAY'S MAIN TOPIC?

UNION IS HOPING FOR A PEACE TREATY WITH THEM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH TRADE WITH THE RAKONS.

THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN NEGOTIATE WITH THEM.

WITH THE REBELLION?

I BELIEVE.

AS A HUMAN BEING AND AS A MERCHANT, THAT IT'S POSSIBLE.

"ALTHOUGH WE ARE AT WAR WITH THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRY THEY HAVE INCREDIBLE PRODUCTS.

I WISH WE CAN GO DO BUSINESS WITH THEM."

THAT'S ALL IT REALLY IS.

I AM ALSO BORN AS A MERCHANT,

SO I KNOW WHAT HE'S TRYING TO SAYING.

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH EXTENDING OUR CURRENT PAUSE FROM THE WAR

AND IS IT EVEN POSSIBLE FOR US TO DEFEND OUR BORDER AGAINST THE DEMONS,

WHILE DEALING WITH PRESSURES AND CONFLICTS COMING FROM CENTRAL?

HE'S PRETTY GOOD.

HE'S TRYING TO CONVINCE THEM WITH BOTH EMOTION AND PROFIT

AND GROW ECONOMICALLY WITH ON HARBOR UTILITY FEES AND TAXES FROM UNION.

IF WE CAN ESTABLISH PEACE WITH THE DEMONS,

WE CAN CUT DOWN OUR DEFENSE BUDGET

I SEE...

SINCE THIS IS TOO VAST OF A SUBJECT,

WE CAN'T GIVE YOU AN ANSWER STRAIGHTAWAY

I TOO REALIZE

THAT WE KNOW VERY LITTLE ABOUT THE DEMON WORLD

BUT

I AM THINKING OF DISPATCHING A RESEARCH GROUP TO THE DEMON WORLD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG HERE

YET ALL WE KNOW ABOUT THE PLACE

ARE FOLKTALE-LIKE SCENERIES OF NIGHTMARE BATTLES..

THROUGH TWO HOLY CRUSADES, WE HAVE SENT CLOSE TO 100000 PEOPLE TO THE DEMON WORLD.

SHOULDN'T WE AT LEAST HAVE SOME BASIC IDEA OF ITS CLIMATE, GOODS, OR AT LEAST THE LANDSCAPE?

VENUS SKYLARK

GATEWAY CITY
UNDERGROUND

MASTER~

WHY ARE WE GOING
THROUGH THIS PARK AND
CREEPY HALLWAY?

"MAYBE THE TWO
WORLDS ARE A LOT
CLOSER THAN WE
THINK"

SOMETIMES I EVEN
SAY TO MYSELF,

MA-MASTER, THIS IS...

I'M GLAD YOU ARE THE ORIGINAL.

I WAS BORN AS A FAKE.

BUT BECAUSE HE PATTED ME.

I WILL END THIS NIGHTMARE.

AND CHANGE IT TO A TOUGH, BUT RIGHTEOUS DREAM

I WILL

WALK
BESIDE HERO

FOREVER...

I HAVE RETURNED TO THE DEMON WORLD!

MY PEOPLE!

I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR PATIENCE THROUGH MY LONG PERIOD OF SILENCE!

like BAAAAM!

SHOW THEM SOMETHING AMAZING!

HUH?

HERO!

COOKAY

LIKE BAM?

DARK KNIGHT, BROUGHT JUSTICE TO THEM WITH HIS BLADE!

MY LOYAL SWORD AND COMMANDER,

AND DISOBEYED THE LAWS I HAVE ENACTED,

AS TO THOSE WHO WENT AGAINST MY RULE DURING MY ABSENCE

OUR SACRED GATEWAY CITY FROM HUMAN REIGN.

FIRST, IT IS GREAT NEWS THAT WE WERE ABLE TO TAKE BACK

I WILL CONTINUE SUPPORTING THAT CITY AS OUR ROYAL TERRITORY

I HEARD WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE TWO YEARS WHEN I WAS AWAY

Your highness, good job with the follow-up!

Oop that was too much.

That was AMAZING!

Dark Knight's awesome!

WOAAAAH!

おおおお

OF THE GRAND INTER-CLAN
MEETING, THE KURULTAI!

THE SCEPTER

AS THE 43RD
DEMON LORD,

"RUBY EYES",
I HEREBY COMMAND

HUH?

THIS TIME, WE WILL BE VICTORIOUS!

THIS DAY HAS FINALLY COME!

IT'S AN ALL-OUT WAR AGAINST THE HUMANS!

DEMON QUEEN!

DEMON QUEEN!

DEMON QUEEN!

ARGH!

EVERYTHING WILL BE DECIDED AMONGST THE CLAN LEADERS AT THIS MEETING!

NO!

THAT'S NOT IT

HOLY KINGDOM
OCTAGONAL PALACE

NO IT WASN'T

YOU USE THE EXPLOSION FROM A BLACK POWDER TO SHOOT THE ENEMY

PRINCE MARSHAL

MUSKET,

A TOOL THAT LETS PEOPLE WITHOUT MAGIC TO EMIT MID-LEVEL FIREBALLS.

BUT IT'S DIFFERENT FOR A MUSKET

EVEN SLAVES CAN LEARN TO USE THIS WITH JUST TWO WEEKS OF TRAINING.

IF IT'S A MAGICIAN THAT CAN USE MIDDLE CLASS FIREBALL, IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.

IT'S GREATEST ADVANTAGE IS IT'S TRAINABILITY

IT USUALLY TAKES OVER A YEAR OF INTENSE TRAINING FOR SOMEONE TO BECOME AN ARCHER.

HE SAID THAT HERETIC WITCH WAS THE ONE WHO TAUGHT HIM.

AN IRONSMITH DEVELOPING THIS IN IRON NATION *MIGRATED* HERE.

WHERE DID YOU OBTAIN THIS?

!!

THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO OUR AGREEMENT, CORRECT?

NO CHANGES.

PREPARE A MASS PRODUCTION OF THESE MUSKETS IN SECRET!

YES SIR!

IF WE SUCCEED IN MASS PRODUCING THIS, WE CAN CHANGE THE WAR!

THE AMOUNT OF SOLDIERS THAT CAN GO ON BATTLES WILL RISE BY TEN-FOLD!

SLURRRRRR.

SHLURRRR...

WE, THE BLUE DEMON CLAN, WILL GRATEFULLY ACT AS "THE ENEMY OF THE CHURCH"

FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR CONTINUAL REIGN IN THE HUMAN WORLD

AS LONG AS YOU KEEP OUR PROMISE,

IF YOU HELP US REALIZE OUR GOAL,

WE WILL GRANT YOU THE TERRITORIES OF THOSE THREE SOUTHERN NATIONS.

YOUR GRACE?!

I HEAR A VOICE...

A CALLING...

FORM THE THIRD HOLY CRUSADE...

AND OUR DEAREST WISH... IN GATEWAY CITY...

GET THE KEY

DEMON LORD'S LIFE

BRING IT BACK NO MATTER WHAT

HOLY SPIRIT OF LIGHT'S.

REMAINS

TO BE CONTINUED

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とらのあな
アニメイト
Wonder
GOO
COMIC
ZIN
アニブロ
ゲーマーズ
今回はバレンタインデー！
え？とっくに過ぎてるって？
細けえことは気にすんな！
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イラストカード
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ブロマイド

#extras

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!

WHO ARE YOU?!

I AM

I'M SORRY

WE ARE

WE ARE

WE ARE SPOILED GIRLS, DOING WHATEVER WE WANT!

A CAREFREE FATE THAT DELIVERS PUNISHMENT WITHOUT EVEN CHECKING

WHETHER THE OPPONENT IS GOOD OR EVIL!

WE ARE

THE "PLEASANT SERIAL KILLERS"!

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PLEASANT
SERIAL
KILLERS
PILLING UP HIS

I DON'T USUALLY READ BOOKS,

BUT THIS ONE WAS LYING AROUND AND I WAS BORED

I WONDER WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT IT

YEAH

I DON'T GET THE APPEAL OF A BOOK WITH NO PICTURES

!?

PLEASE DON'T TELL ANYONE

WHAT?

THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A SECRET!

DON'T TELL ANYONE, OKAY?

WHAT

I DON'T GET THE APPEAL OF A BOOK WITH NO PICTURES

So just stay here for a while

Okay?

Listen up.

I'll be leaving to check how things are while we were absent.

HEAD MAID IS SUCH A CONTROL FREAK.

IT FEELS STRANGE, THAT I AM READING A BOOK

WHILE SITTING WITH HERO BACK-TO-BACK.

I GUESS SHE WANTED US TO HAVE A REST

SHE MUST'VE BEEN QUITE WORRIED.

YEAH, I WOULD'VE NEVER IMAGINED

MYSELF READING A BOOK WITH DEMON QUEEN A FEW YEARS AGO.

OHHH... I SEE.

What a roundabout way

YEAH.
YOUR BACK IS WARM...

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT COMING BACK RIGHT AFTER MAKING THAT ANNOUNCEMENT?

BY THE WAY, UMM...

WAS IT KU-RI-TAI?

DEMON LORD'S CASTLE

YOU HAVE TO SEND MESSENGERS AROUND TO HAVE THE OTHERS PREPARED.

IT TAKES OVER A MONTH FOR IT TO BE ARRANGED.

GATEWAY CITY

GATE

IT'S *KURULTAI*

IT'S A HUGE CONFERENCE WHERE CHIEFS OF ALL DEMON CLANS GET TOGETHER AND MAKE IMPORTANT DECISIONS.

KURULTAI IS REALLY HUGE, SO IT DOESN'T HAPPEN VERY OFTEN.

YOU RARELY SEE IT HAPPENING MORE THAN ONCE UNDER A SINGLE DEMON LORD.

THERE WERE DEMON LORDS WHO DIDN'T EVEN HOLD ONE DURING THEIR REIGN.

ALL THE MAJOR CLAN FACTIONS GET TOGETHER TO INTERACT

THEY CREATE A HUGE MARKET AND LOT OF TRADING GOES AROUND

ONLY THE CLAN CHIEFS PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING.

BUT THEY AREN'T THE ONLY ONES GOING THERE.

THERE WILL BE A TON OF PARTIES,

AND SOME FESTIVALS WILL EVEN GO ON FOR WEEKS.

THERE'S GOING TO BE A BUNCH OF TOURNAMENTS EVERYWHERE,

AND THERE WILL BE YOUNGSTERS FALLING IN LOVE.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR VARIOUS CLANS TO INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER

IS ONE OF THE MAJOR ROLES OF KURILTAI.

NO WORRIES! EVERYTHING WILL GO SMOOTHLY.

.....

THAT'S RIGHT,

IT'LL BE ABOUT ESTABLISHING A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HUMANS.

AND THE MAIN TOPIC THIS TIME IS...

YOUR HIGHNESS,

YOUR MEAL IS READY

AND TO GET READY FOR THAT

WE NEED TO PREPARE SOME DOCUMENTS AND NEGOTIATION MATERIALS FROM THIS WORLD.

BUT ..

I ACTED OUT OF MY PLACE WHILE ACTING AS YOUR SUBSTITUTE!

IT'S GOING TO AFFECT YOUR FUTURE ACTIVITIES.

I TOLD YOU, IT'S FINE!

How many times have I said that already?

I'M SO SORRY,

MADAM.

I'M GLAD THAT YOU CAME BACK SAFELY

SORRY FOR MAKING YOU TAKE ON SUCH A TOUGH ROLE.

WOULDN'T IT BE A BIGGER PROBLEM IF YOU WERE KILLED?

"CRIMSON SCHOLAR" WOULD'VE TURNED INTO A GHOST

OKAY.

LET'S LEAVE IT AT THAT!

...

NO..

THAT'S NOT IT..

OKAY.

THAT'S RIGHT! ALL THE GOOD FOOD'S GONNA GET COOOLD!

WOW!

LOOKS GREAT!

THAT'S SO NICE OF THEM!

THE VILLAGE CHIEF AND A COUPLE OTHER FARMERS CAME TO VISIT

AND BROUGHT US GIFTS TO WELCOME OUR RETURN.

HOW DID YOU PREPARE SO MUCH FOOD EVEN THOUGH THE PLACE WAS EMPTY?

THEN,

LET'S DIG IN!

FINE.

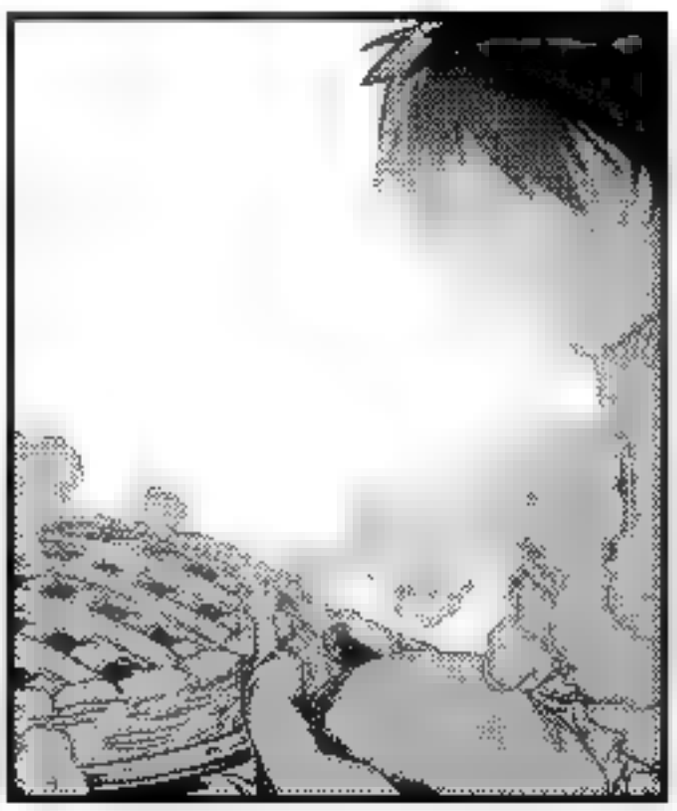
JUST THIS ONCE, HEAD MAID.

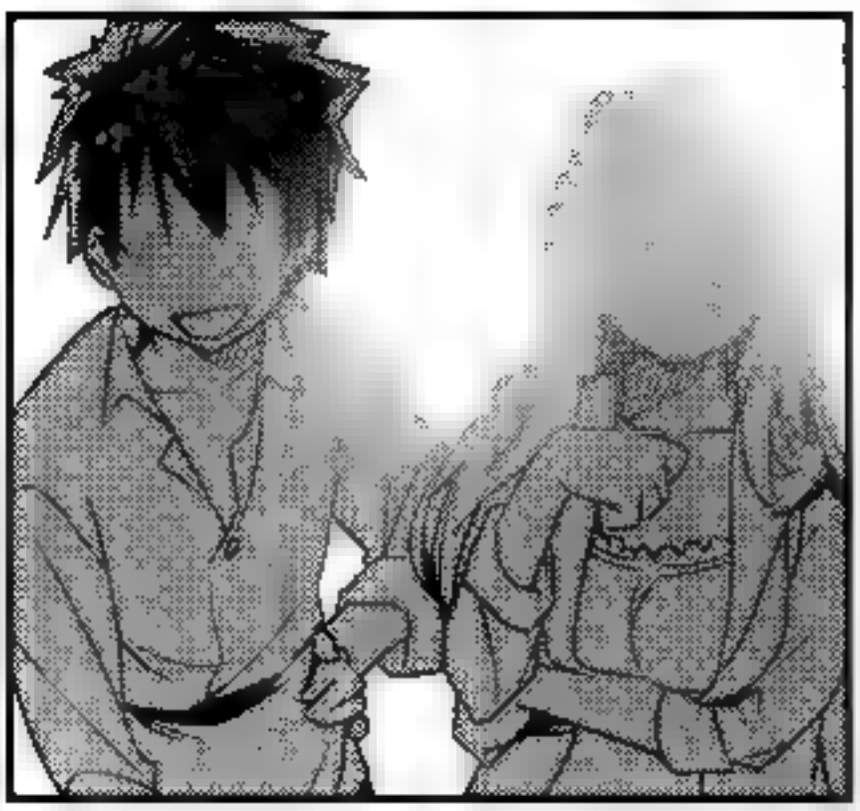
IT'S A SPECIAL OCCASION.

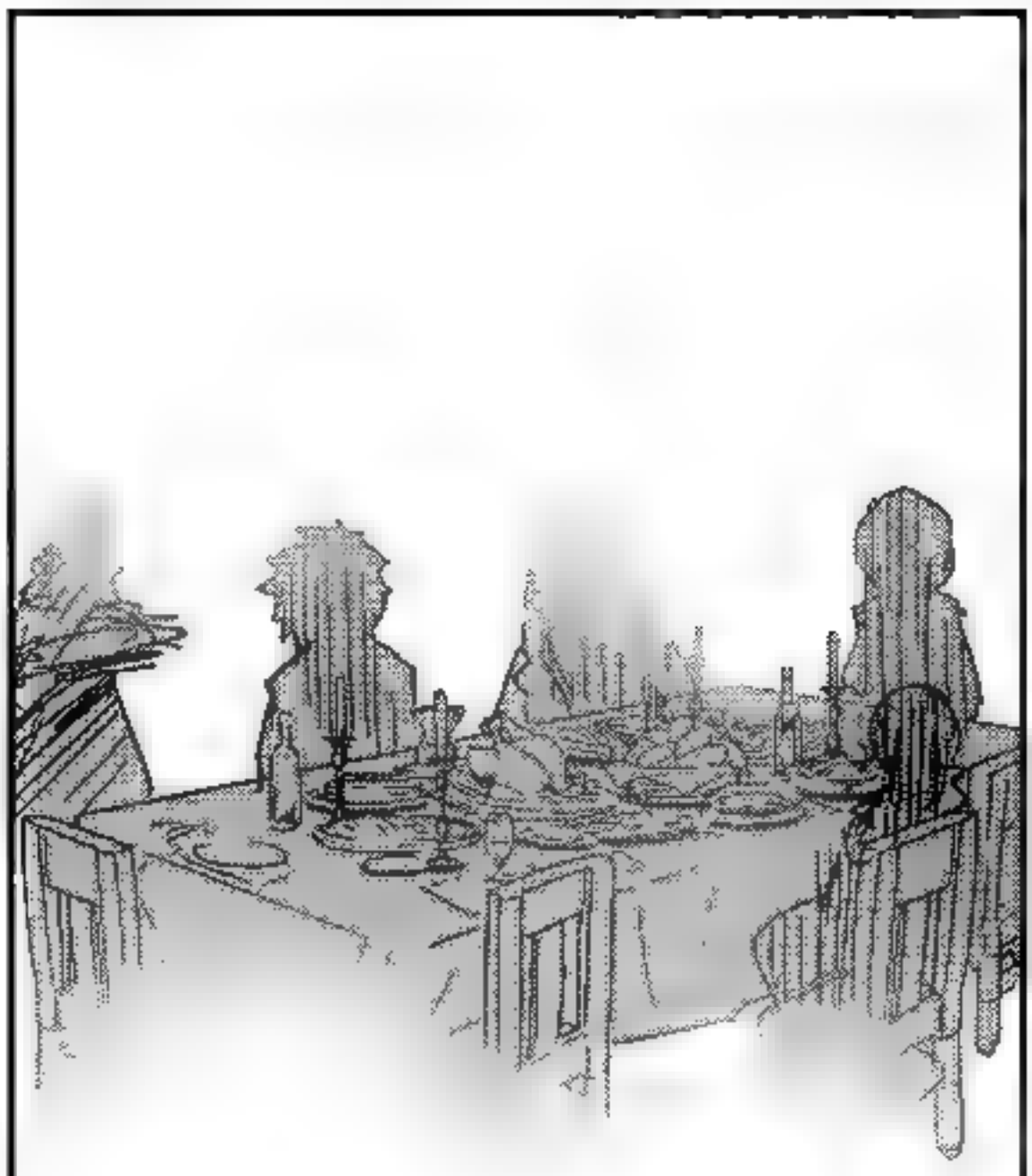
At the end of the day, maids are supposed to fulfill their master's wishes.

EVERYONE, TAKE YOUR SEATS.

LET'S ALL EAT TOGETHER TONIGHT







HUH?

I DIDN'T EXPECT THEM TO GET ARRESTED IN THE SECOND VOLUME.

WOW!

OHH, IT WAS GREAT!

IT WAS SO THRILLING!

?

BY THE WAY YOUR HIGHNESS.

HOW WAS IT?

YOUR TIME ALONE TOGETHER

YEAH, THE WHOLE TIME.

WERE YOU READ-ING THE WHOLE TIME?

It was so much fun! Wanna read t too?

PLEASANT SERIAL KILLERS!

WE WERE READING IT TOGETHER

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

What?!

It's not for us...

Taking a bath together? Sounds fun!

HER HIGHNESS WOULD LIKE TO ENJOY A BATH WITH YOU TONIGHT

HMM?

HERO.

?

I UNDER-STAND.

IF THAT'S THE CASE,

I'LL BE THE ONE TENDING HERO'S BATH TONIGHT

WOAH!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!

THERE WILL BE A RIGHT TIME FOR THOSE THINGS!

YOU TWO ARE SO STUBBORN..

THE FIRST THING I HEAR WHEN I COME FOR A VISIT IS THIS.

I CAN NEVER LET MY GUARD DOWN.

YEAH!

IT'S NOT HAPPENING!

WHAT ARE YOU IMAGINING, HERO?!

I'LL NEVER ALLOW IT! EVER!

HMPH.

YOU TOO.

I HEARD ABOUT EVERYTHING.

NICE WORK.

Oh, thanks! I brought a present as well.

I'll prepare your seat right away.

WELL THEN.

TO THE BOTH OF YOU, WELCOME BACK!

TADAAA! HERE ARE THE SOUVENIRS!

WHAT IS IT USED FOR?

STEAMER BASKET?

IT'S SO BIG!

FIRST OFF, A BERYL HAIRPIN AND A STEAMER BASKET FOR LITTLE SIS MAID

Wow!

WOW!

IT SOUNDS FUN!

IT'S CALLED "STEAMING" GOT IT?

FOR COOKING! YOU PUT IT ON TOP OF A PAN FILLED WITH BOILING WATER,

AND THE FOOD INSIDE GETS COOKED BY THE STEAM.

IT'S BEAUTIFUL...

IT'S LIKE... JEWELRY...

THIS COMB IS FROM HER

AND THIS

IS FOR BIG SIS MAID.

I THOUGHT ABOUT BUYING A DRESS INSTEAD, BUT I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT A GIRL'S CLOTHES, OR EVEN YOUR SIZE, SO I JUST WENT WITH THIS.

IS IT OKAY?

AND THIS IS FROM ME

A SILK CLOTH.

YUP! IT'S SUPER DUPER!

It's like a princess dress!

YES, IT'S PERFECT

I HAVE NEVER SEEN SUCH BEAUTIFUL CLOTHING...

BUT WHERE DID LANDLADY GO?

SCHOLAR TOLD ME YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE A DRESS OUT OF IT, SO.

I GUESS THEY'VE GOT STUFF TO DISCUSS AMONG WOMEN.

OH.

SHE WENT SOMEWHERE WITH FEMALE KNIGHT.

NO, IT WAS NICE AND FUN.

OFFERING ONE'S SWORD IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT CEREMONY FOR KNIGHTS.

IT'S A CEREMONY OF OATH.

WHILE YOU WERE GONE,

I OFFERED MY SWORD TO HERO.

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO TELL YOU TONIGHT

SERVING AND LIVING FOR THE LORD...

IT MEANS TO GO UNDER THE LORD'S POSSESSION.

I GAVE THAT OATH

TO HERO.

FOR A KNIGHT, OFFERING A SWORD MEANS ENTRUSTING EVERYTHING TO THE LORD.

IT'S AN OATH THAT YOU WILL LIVE AND FIGHT FOR THAT LORD ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

A KNIGHT BECOMES FULLY MATURE

ONLY WHEN ONE FINDS A LORD TO OFFER THEIR SWORD TO.

AND EVEN FOR HERO.

I MIGHT HAVE SIMPLY FORCED IT ONTO HIM

I GAVE IT WITHOUT ASKING FOR YOUR PERMISSION WHILE YOU WERE AWAY

IT WAS SLY AND COWARDLY

IT WAS MY GREATEST WISH TO GIVE MY SWORD TO HERO

YOUR POSSESSION,

BUT ALSO BECAUSE YOU CALLED ME A FRIEND

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR HERO TO COME FIND ME FOR A VERY LONG TIME.

MY CONTRACT WITH HERO IS ALSO AN ABSOLUTE PROMISE.

JUST LIKE HOW A KNIGHT'S OATH IS ABSOLUTE.

.....

WHAT ?

BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

YEAH.

I KNOW

A PHRASE THAT LETS YOU STAND TALL EVEN AFTER ACCEPTING A TOUGH AND HARSH REALITY

A PHRASE FULL OF COURAGE

AT TIMES IT BECOMES A PHRASE THAT LETS YOU MOVE FORWARD

BY ACCEPTING THE UNACCEPTABLE.

HOWEVER,

I DON'T PARTICULARLY DISLIKE THE PHRASE "IT CAN'T BE HELPED"

I'M FULLY AWARE THAT IT'S OFTEN USED AS AN EXCUSE

AFTER ALL HERO IS THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.

I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE HISTORY OF HEROES.

BUT I WOULD EXPECT THE SAME THING TO A CERTAIN DEGREE.

HAREMS ARE EXTREMELY COMMON IF YOU LOOK AT THE HISTORY OF DEMON LORDS.

I THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO ENDURE THAT

WHO REALLY CAN'T BE HELPED

FEMALE KNIGHT IS THE ONE

BUT

OUT OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO MAY SERVE BESIDE HERO,

OKAY.

SO LET ME HEAR IT.

NICE AND CLEAR.

DEMON QUEEN...

I LOVE HERO

AS THE LORD OF MY SWORD AND AS A MAN.

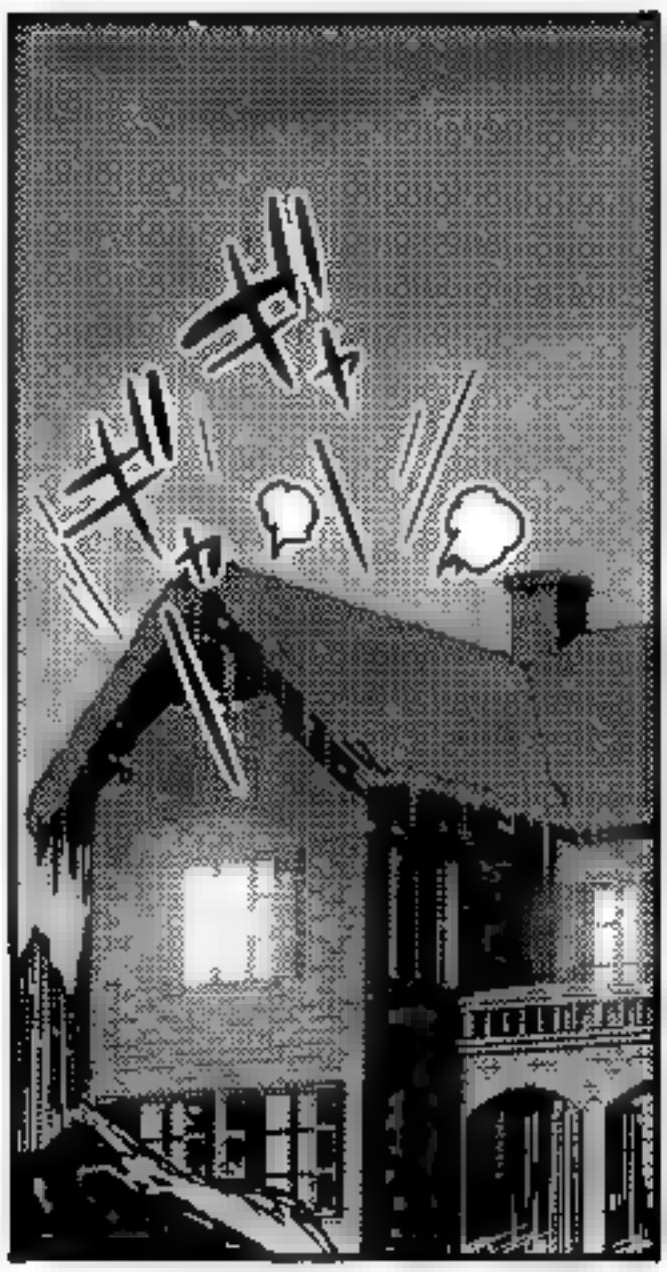
I LOVE HERO

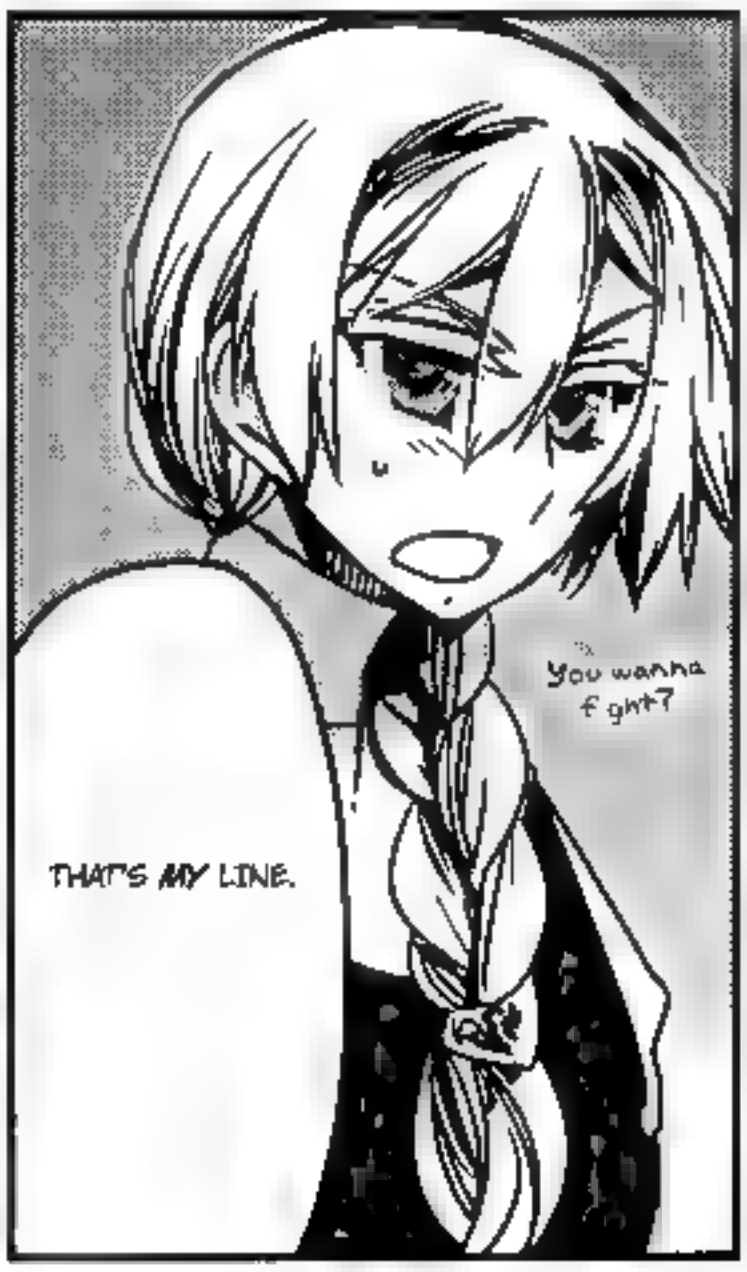
AS MY MASTER AND AS A MAN.

YUP! IT REALLY CAN'T BE HELPED!

HUMAN EMOTIONS.

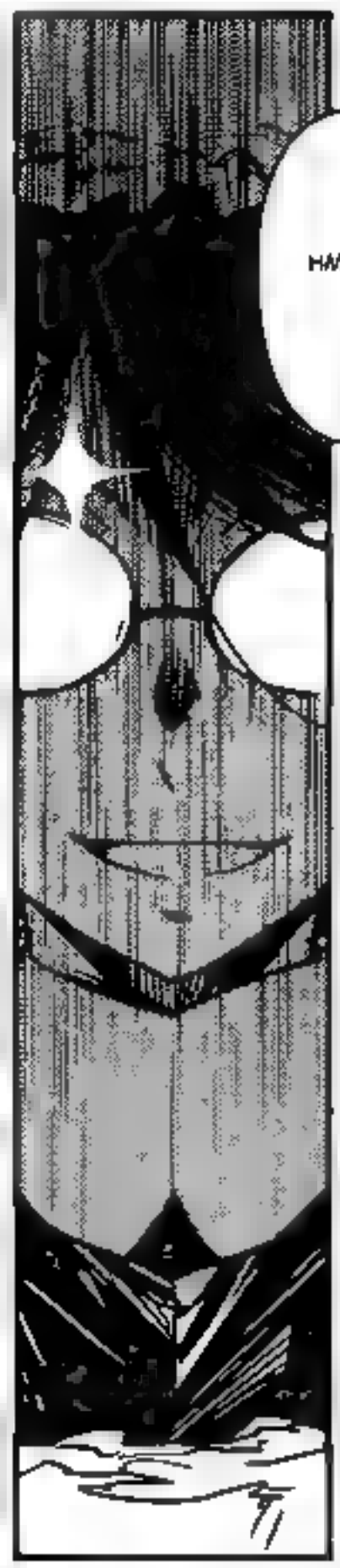
CAN'T BE HELPED!




You wanna fight?
THAT'S MY LINE.

BUT I HAVE NO INTENTION OF YIELDING OR LOSING, YOU KNOW?

ASSEMBLE!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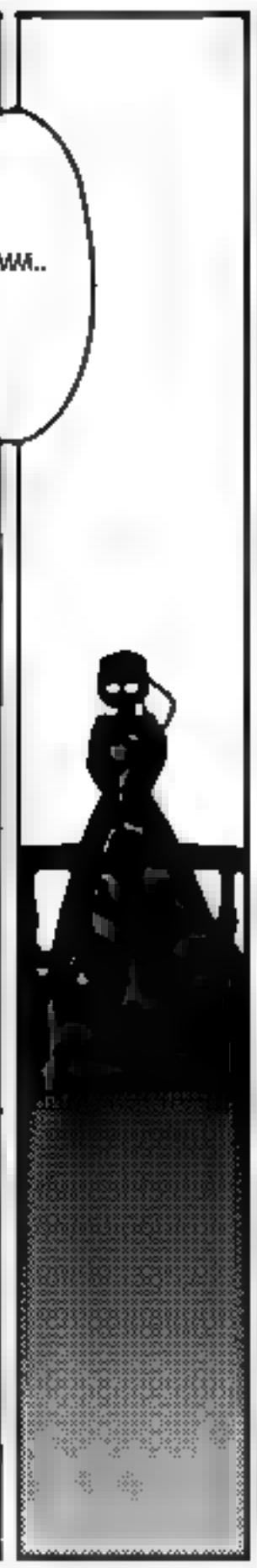

DEMON LORD'S CASTLE

ALSO, RESTOCK THE FOOD SUPPLIES.

IN THE NAME OF DEMON LORD'S CASTLE MAID BRIGADE,

I WON'T ALLOW ANY IMPERFECTIONS!

YOU GOT IT?!

WOW!

I HEARD ABOUT IT IN THE RUMORS, BUT IT REALLY IS TRUE.

A HUMAN IS OVERSEEING A DEMON CITY!

DEMON WORLD GATEWAY CITY CENTRAL OFFICE

OH, SURE

LET HIM IN.

GENERAL, YOU HAVE A VISITOR

I CAME FROM THE HUMAN WORLD.

THAT'S RIGHT!

EH? THEN YOU MUST BE...

NO WAY..

!!!

IT'S FROM PRINCESS FIRE DRAGON?!

HERE, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.

I AM A GENERAL WHO'S BEEN FORCED INTO THE JOB OF MANAGING THIS CITY'S SELF-GOVERNING COMMITTEE

IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE WE HAD A GUEST FROM THE HUMAN WORLD!

WELCOME TO GATEWAY CITY!

YUP!

I AM HERE TO DELIVER THE REQUESTED SALT

THAT MEANS...

YES SIR!

ALL RIGHT!

HEY, GO CHECK THEM!

A TOTAL OF 18 WAGONS.

CAN YOU PLEASE CONFIRM THE GOODS?

SHE CONTACTED UNION,

WHICH IS A MERCHANT GUILD I AM PART OF,

SHE IS A VERY STRONG-WILLED LADY

I'M SURE SHE SAID IT IN THE LETTER, BUT SHE'S STILL RESIDING ON THAT SIDE.

HOW'S THE PRINCESS?

I SEE.

HOW SHOULD WE PAY FOR THESE SALT?

AND STRUCK A DEAL WITH MY SUPERIOR.

THAT'S WHY I CAME ALL THE WAY HERE TO DELIVER THE GOODS.

TODAY'S CARAVANS ARE TEMPORARY MEASURES FOR RELIEVING YOUR CURRENT SHORTAGE.

THEY ARE PLANNING TO ESTABLISH A MORE SUSTAINABLE TRADE SYSTEM.

UNION WORKED TOGETHER WITH THE PRINCESS

TO STRIKE AN EVEN BIGGER DEAL.

I ALREADY RECEIVED MY PAYMENT FROM UNION.

HAHA, LOOKS LIKE IT WAS A ROUGH TRIP!

WELL, IF THAT'S THE CASE, THANK YOU.

WE'RE GUARANTEED PLENTY OF PROFITS FROM THIS.

SO YOU DON'T NEED TO PAY US ANYTHING.

HOW CAN WE HIRE SOME DEMON CRAFTSMEN OR MERCENARIES?

OHH! THAT WOULD BE GREAT!

SINCE IT'S BEEN A WHILE WE'VE HAD SOMEONE FROM THE HUMAN WORLD COME BY

THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS I WANT TO ASK YOU TOO.

WHY DON'T WE HAVE A SMALL PARTY?

IT WOULD BE QUITE A LOT OF WORK

TO SETUP A SAFE PATH THROUGH THE HUGE HOLE THAT WAS CREATED IN PLACE OF THE GATE.

YEAH.

YOU CAN FEEL IT JUST BY LOOKING AT THE REPORT

WOW, IT WAS QUITE AN UPROAR

HE'S EVEN LAID THE FOUNDATIONS FOR A "FUTURES MARKET"

EVEN I GET [redacted] ALL-IN WITH HIS ASSETS.

[redacted]

BET ON THE CREATION [redacted] POSITION OF BECOMING

HE BELIEVES IT WILL LEAD TO AN EVEN GREATER TOMORROW.

FOR THE INEVITABLE TRADE WITH THE DEMONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE,

[redacted] VARIOUS NATIONS AND MULTIPLE CURRENCIES.

BUT EVEN IF THE GATE WASN'T DESTROYED, SOMEONE WOULD'VE FIGURED IT OUT EVENTUALLY

THE BORDER BETWEEN THE TWO WORLDS WOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN DOWN SOONER OR LATER

THE HUMAN WORLD AND THE DEMON WORLD AREN'T VERY DIFFERENT IN THE FIRST PLACE

WHETHER IT WILL TURN INTO A PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION OR AN EVEN GREATER WAR

THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE TWO HALVES

SHORTENED DRAMATICALLY BY THE DESTRUCTION OF THE GATE.

I LEFT BEHIND.

THIS IS CLEARLY A *LUMEN NATURALE* KNOWLEDGE THAT CAME FROM HER INDEPENDENT THINKING

[redacted],
AND FREEDOM.

SHE DECLARED THOSE THREE AS NATURAL, BASIC

WHILE LIVING IN THIS WORLD

AND STRUGGLING THROUGH ALL THE PAIN AND SUFFERING.

IT WASN'T SOMETHING I TAUGHT HER

THOSE SEEDS OF FREEDOM,

IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU CAN SIMPLY TEACH.

SHE OVERCAME THAT WALL WITH HER GLORIOUS SOUL.

NO. EVEN IF I HAD TAUGHT HER,

THERE WOULD'VE BEEN A WALL THAT CAN'T BE SUCCUMBED BY JUST "KNOWLEDGE"

"I WON'T GO BACK TO BEING A MERE BUG

EVEN IF KEEPING THIS TREASURE BRINGS HARDSHIPS AND PAINS."

LISTEN AT THESE WORDS IN THE REPORT"

NO.

I SHOULDN'T BE SAYING THIS.

WHAT CAN I

WHAT

IT'S NOT JUST HER.

LOOK.

POSSIBLY DO FOR HER.

INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THIS WORLD ARE USING THEIR OWN WISDOM

I AM THE ONE WHO TAUGHT THEM.

TO COME UP WITH

BUT YOU CAN

EVERYWHERE

NOBLE YOUNGSTER IS

AND MONEY EXCHANGE SYSTEMS ARE STARTING TO TAKE FRUIT

EVEN I WAS SURPRISED WHEN I HEARD ABOUT THE POSTAGE SYSTEMS.

SEVERAL WINDMILLS ARE RUNNING,

THE DEMONS AREN'T FALLING BEHIND EITHER

THEY HAVE BEEN SPREADING THE ADMINISTRATIONS I ESTABLISHED.

APPARENTLY THE BEAST-FANG CLAN AND THE OGRE CLAN ARE ESTABLISHING A SHARED CONSTITUTION

TO PROTECT EACH OTHER'S INTERESTS.

CREATION OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURES AND HOSPITALS ARE AMAZING AS WELL.

THIS WORLD BEYOND THE LIBRARY..

YOUR HIGHNESS...

...

NO.

I'M FINE.

I'M JUST OVERWHELMED WITH JOY.

EVEN THOUGH THEY AREN'T MY OWN ACHIEVEMENTS.

THEY'RE TEARS, BUT THEY'RE NOT OF SADNESS.

WHY...

WHY DO I FIND SO MUCH LOVE AND SYMPATHY

IN SUCH A NOISY AND FICKLE PLACE?

I'M GLAD WE CAME HERE.

HUMANS ARE INCREDIBLE

THIS WORLD IS INCREDIBLE

YOU'RE RIGHT

WE MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE TO LEAVE THAT LIBRARY.

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NOT YET!

YOU ARE FULL OF ENERGY TODAY!

SHIELD OF LIGHT X3!

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ARGH...

MY WIN~!

HERO..

YEAH?

HMM..

THAT'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD WATCH OUT

WELL, YOU'VE GOT A PRETTY TIGHT DEFENSE,

BUT YOU ALWAYS TRY TO RELY ON SHIELD OF LIGHT AGAINST BIG ATTACKS.

YEAH. IT'S HERO SKILL NO.48.

THE SKILL YOU USED TO MAKE YOUR SWORD INVISIBLE

AND TOTALLY REMOVED ITS PRESENCE AS IT SLIPPED THROUGH MY DEFENSE MAGIC..

WELL, THAT IS TRUE...

YOU NEVER KNOW UNTIL YOU TRY.. RIGHT?

IS THAT POSSIBLE?

I WANT TO LEARN THAT

CAN YOU TEACH ME?

IT'S A HERO SKILL...

!?

THEN

RELAX YOUR GRIP AS YOU PLACE THE CENTER OF GRAVITY ON YOUR LEFT PINKY..

THE GRIP ON YOUR PALM SHOULD BE REALLY LOOSE.

FIRST, HOLD YOUR SWORD LIKE THIS...

Okay...

THEN

SHA-PAAANG!

It vanished?!

SEE?

!?

THEN GRAB THE SURROUNDING SPACE AND PULL IT

AS IF YOU ARE SUCKING UP MANA FROM THE CORE OF YOUR BLADE.

Don't make up skills by how it feels!

But...

HOW SHOULD I KNOW?

HEY!

WHAT'S THE LOGIC BEHIND THAT?!

THAT'S JUST HOW IT FEELS.

It went way over my head!

Got it?

IT'S A FORM OF VACATION THAT IS HIGHLY ACCLAIMED BY ALL CULTURES THROUGHOUT HISTORY.

A PLEASURE TRIP

IT'S THE GREATEST REWARD FOR MAIDS WHO ARE USUALLY BURDENED WITH HOUSEWORK

THEY EVEN SAY THERE WERE DEDICATED WORKERS AND ADMINISTRATIONS FOR THESE TRIPS DURING THE TIME OF GODS.

SO IT'S A BREAK

I SEE. YOU ARE DEFINITELY RIGHT

The sister maids haven't been getting much rest...

THIS MAIDS ARE FREED FROM THEIR DAILY LABOR

THEY WASH AWAY THEIR BURDENS,

AND ADVANCE TOWARDS THE NEXT LEVEL OF RELIABILITY

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

OKAY PERMISSION GRANTED!

YOU HAVE MY FULL SUPPORT TO DO ANYTHING YOU WANT!

UMM..
ARE YOU SURE
IT'S OKAY FOR ME
TO GO TOO?

WHAT'S A
HOT SPRING?

HOT SPRINGS
ARE PLEASANT

WOW. IT'S BEEN A
WHILE SINCE I'VE BEEN
ON A VACATION!

CAN YOU TWO
COME HERE FOR
A MOMENT?

BUT ..

YOU TWO
HAVE BEEN DOING A
SPLENDID JOB WITH
YOUR WORK

OF
COURSE.

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?

Hot springs are
phenomenon or location
where hot water is
coming out from
underground.

It can also
be a bathing
facility for
such waters

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU!

WELL DONE, GIRLS.

?

EH?

BUT THAT'S..

HERE ARE THE COORDI-NATES.

IT'S FINE.

OKAY.

HERO, CAN YOU TAKE CARE OF THE TRANSPOR-TATION?

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EVERYONE

THANK YOU FOR COMING.

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WELCOME TO THE HIGH CLASS MEDIEVAL CASTLE

"DQ MANOR"!

DQ MANOR

DAMN!

HOW DID I LET THIS HAPPEN?!

WE ENDED UP JUMPING RIGHT INTO ENEMY TERRITORY!

HERO, STAY AT THE CENTER AND PROTECT THE OTHERS!

I'LL BE THE VANGUARD AND BREAK THROUGH THE ENEMY LINES!

MAGICIAN, WATCH OUR REAR AND BE READY TO BACK US UP!

Ah.

WHY DID YOU CHOP ME?!

WE ARE WITH THE DEMON QUEEN!

IT'S PERFECTLY SAFE!

CALM DOWN.

OH, THAT'S RIGHT!

WHY IS HERO *THE ONLY MALE IN OUR GROUP?*

HUH?!

UMM.. IT'S JUST A COINCIDENCE, RIGHT?!

I MEAN,

WE HAVEN'T TOLD OUR FULL STORY TO THAT OLD GEEZER YET,

And I can't even imagine what would happen if that guy joined us on a hot spring trip!

THE KING AND THE YOUNGSTERS ARE BUSY RUNNING THE COUNTRY, AND.. AND..

I ALSO NOTICED THAT HERO

HAS TOO MANY *FEMALE* ACQUAINTANCES AROUND HIM.

HE ALWAYS GOES AROUND SAVING SOME RANDOM GIRL...

THAT'S RIGHT. HERO IS THE MALE IN OUR GROUP~

..HAREM ROUTE?

Chapter 25: This is What the Era is Seeking for

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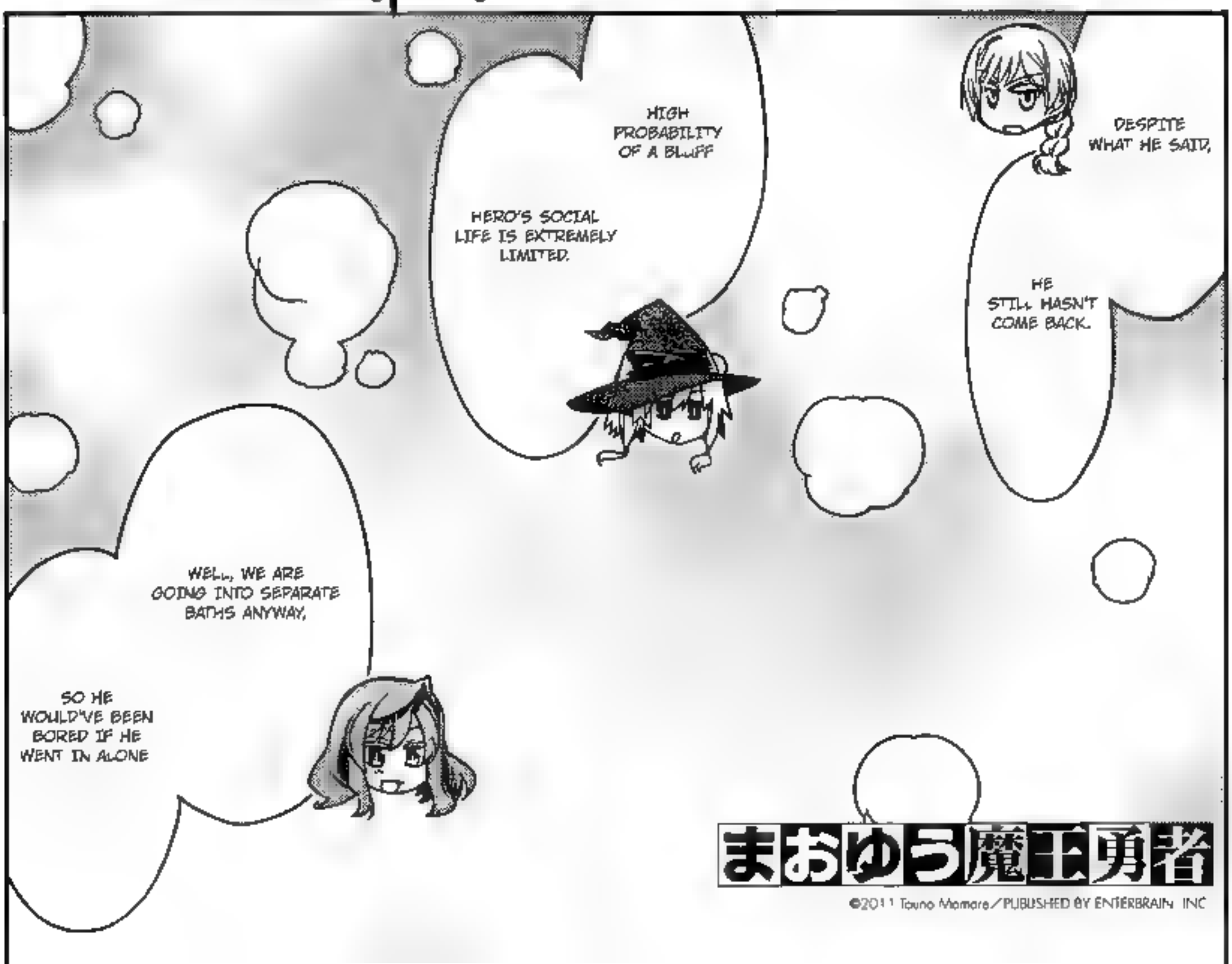
HIGH PROBABILITY OF A BLUFF
HERO'S SOCIAL LIFE IS EXTREMELY LIMITED.
DESPITE WHAT HE SAID,
HE STILL HASN'T COME BACK.
WELL, WE ARE GOING INTO SEPARATE BATHS ANYWAY.
SO HE WOULD'VE BEEN BORED IF HE WENT IN ALONE

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IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I LAST ENJOYED THIS

IT'S SO NICE AND WARM.

THERE'S A WATERFALL IN THE BATH?!

THIS WHOLE LAKE IS A BATH?!

YUP.

THERE'S NO ROOF?!

THIS IS CALLED A HOT SPRING.

AND IT'S A PLACE WHERE HOT WATER COMES OUT FROM THE GROUND NATURALLY

OH RIGHT..

IT'S THE FIRST TIME EITHER OF YOU HAVE SEEN A HOT SPRING...

WOULDN'T YOU NEED TO CUT DOWN AN ENTIRE FOREST?

HOW MUCH FIREWOOD IS IT GOING TO TAKE TO HEAT UP THIS MUCH WATER?

WHY DON'T YOU TWO HOP IN AND SEE FOR YOURSELVES?

Ah...

OKAY..

IT'S HOT!

OKAY..

GET USED TO IT LITTLE BY LITTLE.

O~KAY~

Feels good~!

IT'S WARM.

NO PROBLEM.

EVEN THOUGH WE ARE FROM THE SAME CLAN, I NEVER GOT TO TALK WITH YOU FACE-TO-FACE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HELPING ME.

MAGICIAN.

HERO IS...

MY SPECIAL SOMEONE.

DO YOU LIKE... THE DEMON LORD OF THE HUMAN WORLD?

HERO OF THE DEMON WORLD.

HUH?

WHEN HERO COMES TO THE DEMON WORLD,

HE WOULD ARRIVE AS THE KING OF THE SURFACE WORLD.

'CAUSE HE'S STUPID.

WHY DIDN'T HERO BECOME THE KING?

ORIGINALLY, I WAS EXPECTING OUR MEETING TO BE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW.

AS A LONE HERO SHOULDERING THE HOPES OF EVERY DEMONS ON MY BACK,

I GO ON A QUEST TO SEEK OUT THE HERO ABOVE GROUND.

HERO BECOMES THE RULER OF THE SURFACE WORLD

AND INVADES THE UNDERGROUND WORLD.

I'M SURE

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN A PART OF THAT QUEST

THAT COULD HAVE BEEN OUR STORY TOO.

..WHAT IS IT?

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...?

PROBABLY

I'M USELESS IN BATTLES.

!?

HUGE.

THIS IS JUST USELESS MEAT ..

Please don t stare..

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ALL OF A SUDDEN?

THAT'S AGAINST THE RULES!

TEENY...

DON'T SAY THAT!

NO!

YOUR HIGHNESS NEEDS TO START ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR OWN WEAPON!

THIS ONE HAS PRETTY BOOBS.

BESIDES, AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO KEPT CALLING THESE USELESS MEAT?

YES, OF COURSE.

THEY FEEL REALLY HEAVY TOO.

BUT I'M NOT CONFIDENT ABOUT MY BREASTS..

THEY'RE JUST LARGE AND THEY DON'T STAY STILL.

STOP BRAGGING ABOUT YOUR SOUL GETTING DRAWN BY GRAVITY!

I SEE!

ITS VALUE STARTS TO SHINE ONLY WHEN YOU ACKNOWLEDGE IT AND PUT IT TO GOOD USE.

ONLY THEN WILL THOSE USELESS MEAT STOP BEING USELESS!

IF AN OWNER DOESN'T BOTHER POLISHING HIS DIAMOND, IT IS JUST ANOTHER WASTED TREASURE

IT'S OKAY

SOME PREFER YOUR TYPE.

STOP MAKING FUN OF ME!

WE ARE NOT OLD ENOUGH FOR THAT..

SHARING STORIES ABOUT CHESTS?

Sounds fun!

Let's go wash our hair over there

WHY DON'T WE MOVE ON TO A DIFFERENT BATTLE?

YOU HAVE A POINT

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU DEBATE,

THIS ISSUE CAN'T BE SETTLED UNLESS HERO IS HERE TO JUDGE.

I HAVE A BANQUET PREPARED.

ROCK...
PAPER...
SCISSORS!

Argh

Ha

Ha hahe...

Ugh.

YOU'RE THE ONE TO TALK.

WHY DON'T YOU GIVE UP ALREADY~?

YOUR LEGS ARE SHAKING~

HERO IS TAKING A LONG TIME.

HE'S PROBABLY TOO EMBARRASSED TO COME BACK

'CAUSE HE'S GOT NO FRIENDS!

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!

HE'S HERE.

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I'm back!

Welcome back~

Big-bro~ Welcome back!

I've got my own friends too!

AHAHAHA! you see? you see?!

IT'S JUST THE TWO OF YOU?

WE WILL HAVE YOUR MEALS AND DRINKS HERE IN JUST A MINUTE.

WHERE DID YOU GO TO FIND THESE TWO?

WHAAA-AAAAT?!

Is it your first time here?

IT'S THE DEMON LORD'S CASTLE.

WHERE ARE WE?

I was surprised to hear Dark Knight putting us for dinner..

AH..

THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

HERE, START WITH SOME OF THIS.

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?

HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?!

THIS IS SIMILAR TO A FAMILY VACATION.

Don't be so loud

AND TO HAVE SUCH A PRETTY MAID.. I'M JEALOUS!

HEY, DARK KNIGHT

SHE'S NOT MY MAID SHE'S THE DEMON LORD'S MAID

SO YOU REALLY *ARE* THE DEMON LORD'S SECOND-IN-COMMAND..

HUH?

DEMON QUEEN~

HEY~

WANNA MEET HER?

THE DEMON LORD..

SO THE DEMON LORD USES SUCH A BEAUTY AS HIS MAID

I'M FINALLY FEELING THE GREATNESS OF THIS WORLD!

THIS IS EAST FORTRESS GENERAL.

AND THIS IS HIS AIDE. THEY'VE BEEN HELPING AROUND A LOT

HE'S THE ONE IN CHARGE OF OVERSEEING GATEWAY CITY.

What's is it, Hero—?

Demon Lord?

Jmm.

LET'S INTRODUCE EVERYONE WHILE WE'RE AT IT

I HEARD THE CITY'S BEEN PROSPERING EVER SINCE ITS RECOVERY

FORTRESS GENERAL!

NICE TO MEET YOU! I'M THE DEMON LORD!

LOOKING AT HOW SECURE IT HAS BECOME,

YOU MUST BE AN EXTREMELY CAPABLE MAN!

WAIT!

AREN'T THEY THE PARTY MEMBERS OF THE CURRENT HERO?!

"HALF-ASSED NIGHTMARE", GOT IT?

THAT ONE OVER THERE IS FEMALE MAGICIAN.

Yay

あ…!

SHE IS THE HEAD OF THE LAKE SHORE MONASTERY ALSO GOES BY THE NAME FEMALE KNIGHT

MY, MY..

HERO,

YOU DIDN'T TELL HIM ANYTHING?

WHY ARE THEY AT DEMON LORD'S CASTLE, HAVING A PARTY WITH DEMON QUEEN?!

HOW IS THIS EVEN A "FAMILY VACATION"?

WHAT?!

WHAAT?!

WHAA-AAAT?!

I'M DARK KNIGHT BUT I ALSO GO BY HERO.

HE..

HERO?

FANTASTIC. THANK YOU. VERY MUCH.

HOW ARE THE DRINKS?

NO NO, IT'S *MY* GREAT HONOR TO MEET YOU.

THERE'S NO ONE IN THE CRUSADE WHO HASN'T HEARD OF THE EPICS OF HERO'S PARTY

HERO TOLD ME A LOT ABOUT YOU.

SO I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS.

IT'S BEEN GROWING VERY HANDSOMELY.

HOW IS GATEWAY CITY DOING?

HUMAN?

THE GATE WAS [illegible] AND IT TURNED INTO A GIANT [illegible] MIGHT?

AND NEW HUMAN FACES ARE SHOWING UP AS WELL.

THE DEMONS WHO EVACUATED WHEN THE CRUSADERS WERE THERE SLOWLY RETURNED.

REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE PERMISSION.

OF COURSE THEY'LL BE ATTACKED AND SMUGGLING IF THEY ARE CAUGHT

THOSE MERCHANTS ARE BRAVE.

THEY [illegible] IF THERE'S A CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY

HUH?

BUT ANYWAY

I GO [illegible] FOR MEAT.

THEY AREN'T EVEN AFRAID TO SMUGGLE?

WOW

AND THAT MEANS YOU GUYS..

WE DON'T WANT TO FIGHT THE DEMONS.

I ALWAYS WONDER JUST HOW CAN SUCH A LOUSY BASTARD BE SO STRONG.

BUT IF HE'S THE HERO, THEN I HAVE TO ACCEPT IT

OH NOTHING.

WHENEVER I DRINK WITH DARK KNIGHT

I SEE..

"ANY HUMANS WHO DISLIKE THE DEMONS, COME TO ME YOU CAN BEAT ME UP INSTEAD.

ANY DEMONS WHO HATE THE HUMANS, COME TO ME. YOU CAN CURSE ME INSTEAD."

I FIGURED.

THAT WAS ONE THING DARK KNIGHT WAS ADVOCATING NON-STOP.

EVEN THOUGH WE ARE LONGING FOR PEACE, EVERYONE IS HOLDING A SWORD IN THEIR HANDS.

CENTRAL KEEPS BURNING IT'S ANGER TOWARDS THE DEMONS AND WON'T STOP FIGHTING AGAINST THE THREE NATION ALLIANCE.

THE WORLD ABOVE US IS IN A MESS TOO.

MAYBE I'M LIKE THIS BECAUSE I'M LIVING IN SUCH A GOD-FORSAKEN TOWN,

BUT IT'S FOOLISH TO NOT CARRY A SWORD

BUT WHAT CAN WE DO?

IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THE GUY IN FRONT OF YOU IS THINKING,

YOU'RE RIGHT..

THEN YOU AREN'T BEING HONORABLE BY EXPOSING YOUR DEFENSELESS BODY YOU ARE JUST PLAIN FOOLISH.

IF SOMEONE WITH AN INFINITY NUMBER AND INFINITY POWER AND TAKES AWAY ALL THE WEAPONS

THEN WE WON'T HAVE TO STOP THE "WEAPONLESS"...

BUT

IT'S NOT LIKE CONFISCATING ALL THE WEAPONS WILL SOLVE THE PROBLEM RIGHT?

THAT'S JUST A STOP-GAP SOLUTION

CAN YOU REALLY CALL THAT PEACE?

ISN'T IT CALLED PEACE BECAUSE WE ARE JOINING HANDS EVEN AS WE HOLD OUR WEAPONS?

BUT THAT'S NO DIFFERENT

FROM SOME KIDS STOPPING THEIR FIGHT BECAUSE THEY WERE SCOLDED BY THEIR PARENTS.

DO YOU THINK IT'S POSSIBLE?

WHOOPS

I WENT OUT OF MY LEAGUE THERE!

REALLY?

REALLY?!

COEXISTENCE WITH THE DEMONS?

WELL, OF COURSE IT'S POSSIBLE.

IF WE CAN'T COEXIST THERE WILL BE A BLOOD BATH.

WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO LIVE TOGETHER.

ALTHOUGH THE FLOW IS WEAK,

ONCE IT STARTS TRICKLING, IT WILL NEVER STOP

IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS.

THE HOLE'S BEEN OPENED ANYWAY

CORRECT

HUH? ?!

PROBLEM.. DAMAGE CONTROL.

JUST LOOK AT GATEWAY CITY

WE CAN DEFINITELY DO IT

THE ISSUE IS.

HOW MUCH BLOOD WILL BE SPILLED UNTIL THEN?

WE CAN COEXIST EVENTUALLY

THAT I CAN GUARANTEE.

BUT WHETHER THAT WILL BE FIVE YEARS, TEN YEARS, OR A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW

NOBODY KNOWS.

AT SOME POINT WE WILL ACCEPT EACH OTHER UNCONDITIONALLY.

THERE MIGHT BE ENOUGH BLOODSHED

TO COMPLETELY WIPE OUT ONE SIDE.

THE AMOUNT OF BLOOD THAT GETS SPILLED UNTIL THE DAY WE RECONCILE WILL INCREASE AS THE DAYS PASS.

THIS IS WHAT THE ERA IS SEEKING FOR.

THIS IS WHAT THE VOICES ARE ASKING FOR.

THERE'S NO ANSWER AS TO WHETHER HUMANS OR DEMONS CAN EVEN *STAY ALIVE* UNTIL PEACE ARRIVES.

THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A TOMORROW, BUT YOU WILL NEVER KNOW THE AMOUNT OF BLOOD THAT WILL BE SPILLED TODAY.

AND MINE TOO..

THIS IS MY ROOM TOO

THIS IS MY ROOM.

STOP.

YOU TWO CAN SLEEP HERE.

I'LL SLEEP SOMEWHERE ELSE.

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GOOD NIG—

NOT THIS AGAIN.

Dammit Head Maid

IT'S PROBLEMATIC IN TERMS OF THE CHURCH'S TEACHINGS,

BUT I'LL BEG FOR FORGIVENESS ON THIS ONE.

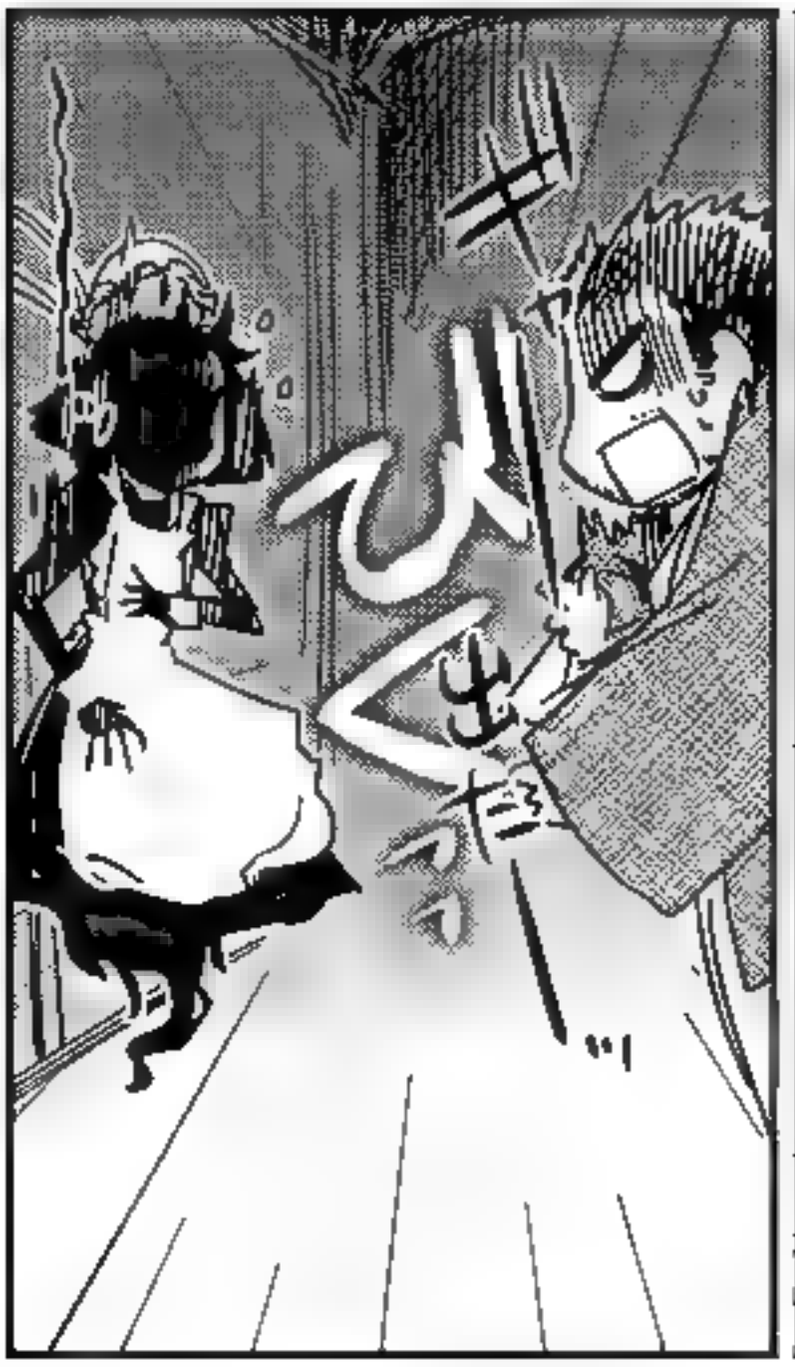
It's not like Holy Spirit said anything specific...

WE WILL ALL SLEEP TOGETHER TONIGHT. WE HAD OUR DRINKS, AND IT'S GETTING LATE.

IT ALREADY HAPPENED ONCE, SO IT'S NOT A PROBLEM.

Here we go again...

Haha...



IT'S FLUFFY AS USUAL.

IT'S NICE AND WARM.

THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE HAPPINESS, BUT

IF YOU DON'T, THE INTEREST'S GOING TO KEEP COMPOUNDING

YOU SHOULD MAKE UP YOUR MIND ABOUT THIS SOON.

NO RESPONSE.

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ANYTHING?

DEMON LORD'S CASTLE
LOWEST FLOOR
DOOR TO THE TEMPLE
OF THE DEAD

YES.

HERO BROKE THIS DOOR?

IS IT DESTROYED?

DON'T KNOW

PERHAPS?

THE SEAL THAT HELD THE SPIRITS HAS ALSO BEEN DESTROYED.

IT CAN'T BE INHERITED ANYMORE.

INHERITANCE WILL OCCUR EVERYWHERE WITHOUT CONTROL.

PERHAPS

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BIG SIS! THERE'S BREAKFAST!

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?!

THERE'S BREAKFAST EVEN THOUGH WE DIDN'T MAKE IT!

WOAH!

THERE'S BREAKFAST!

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MMM.

SIS, ARE YOU AWAKE?

AND THIS IS..

POTATO POTAGE~ ♪

BLACK BREAD, WHITE BREAD,

BACON AND EGGS, YELLOW FRUITS,

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CAN I EAT FIRST~?

ONLY AFTER WASHING OUR FACES.

WOW

THERE'S FOOD!

FOOD WAS MADE ALREADY!

HEY!

GOOD MORNING!

HERE YOU GO.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

DRINKS TASTE GREAT IN THE MORNING.

YOU STARTED DRINKING *ALREADY*? IT'S NOT EVEN NOON!

HEHE. THAT'S TRUE.

WHICH ONE IS THE FIRST LADY?

HUH?!

SO..

WHICH ONE IS IT?

WHICH ONE IS WHAT?

HIGH PROFILE SCANDAL SHOCKER: FIRST LADY BATTLE ROYALE?

VERY CURIOUS.

IT'S.

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!

NO NEED TO BE SHY

There's no First Lady!

PROBLEM SOLVED WITH CAMOUFLAGE MAGIC.

CUTTING-EDGE CENSORSHIP.

HOW COME THAT MADE IT EVEN MORE LEWD?!

SAME-SEX BATH.

WH-WHAT THE...

BUT STILL...

IT'S OKAY

OH...

THE CLAN CONFERENCE?

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE KURULTAI?

HMM.

IS SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU?

WORDS IN THE AIR SAY THAT THE MEETING IS FOR THE PLANNING OF AN INVASION INTO THE HUMAN WORLD.

IT'S PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE.

I WANT TO LAY OUT A ROADMAP TO COEXISTENCE WITH THE HUMANS IN THAT MEETING,

BUT I'M NOT SURE HOW.

I CAN SEE THAT BASED ON OUR CONVERSATIONS YESTERDAY,

THAT'S NOT WHAT DEMON QUEEN WANTS!

I'M SURE NOT EVERYONE IS PURSING A WAR,

BUT IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMEONE LOOKING FOR A FIGHT

BUT THE SHEER FACT THAT PEOPLE ARE ASKING, "HOW FAR SHOULD WE INVADE THIS TIME?"

SHOWS WHERE THE CROWD IS HEADED.

MOREOVER, THERE ARE THE GREAT EIGHT CLANS.

AND MACHINE CLAN.

FAIRY CLAN.

OGRE CLAN.

BEAST FANG CLAN.

DRAGON CLAN.

GIANT CLAN.

BLUE DEMON CLAN.

HUMANOID CLAN.

WELL, THERE ARE DIFFERING OPINIONS ON THE INDIVIDUAL LEVEL

BUT THERE ARE DEMONS FROM A LOT OF CLANS LIVING IN GATEWAY CITY!

FIRE DRAGON PRINCESS IS PRO-HUMAN TOO.

EH?

AMONGST THESE EIGHT CLANS, FAIRY CLAN SEEMS TO BE ONLY ONE SEEKING ANY PEACE OR COEXISTENCE WITH HUMANS.

GATEWAY CITY DECIDED TO COEXIST AT LEAST FOR NOW

IT'S THE MATTER OF THE ONES WHO ARE GOING TO ADOPT IT

IF IT'S BEEN DECIDED TO COEXIST, THEN YOU HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT IT

THERE ARE GENERATION GAPS TOO.

I'LL GET MY AIDE TO LOOK INTO IT

WELL,

SAME HERE!

I'M NOT GOOD AT FINDING STUFF THOUGH

I HAVE TO FIND THIS CONSTITUTION THING?

BUT I STILL NEED TO FIGURE SOMETHING OUT

CONSTITUTION.

EVEN IF A WAR IS INEVITABLE,

OUR HARD WORK WILL BE USEFUL AT SOME POINT!

THANKS.

DON'T MENTION IT!

I LIKE IT!

MIGHT BE EVEN BETTER IF WE ROAST IT ON A STICK!

HMM... I DIDN'T KNOW IT TASTED LIKE THIS...

IS THIS FROM MR. COW?

THIS IS GOOD!

And we can add some salt ..

AH.

DEMON WORLD?

YEAH..

DEMON WORLD IS SO PLENTIFUL COMPARED TO THE WORLD ABOVE.

WOW.

YUP!

SHE FLAT-OUT ACKNOWLEDGED IT!

BY DEMON WORLD, YOU MEAN *THE* DEMON WORLD??

OKAY, COUNTING ON YOU.

LEAVE IT TO ME!

WE WERE KEEPING IT A SECRET

WAS I NOT SUPPOSED TO SAY IT?

This is getting weird...

I KNEW SHE WAS A NOBLE,

BUT I DIDN'T KNOW SHE OWNED A PIECE OF LAND LIKE THIS.

SHE IS?!

THIS IS DEMON WORLD'S NO.1 RESORT

YOUR MISTRESS IS ALSO THE OWNER OF THIS RESORT

SHE IS ACTUALLY OF ROYAL BLOOD.

SHE IS A NOBLE OF THE DEMON WORLD?

I DOUBT IT

UHHHHH..

SHE'S OKAY WITH THAT?

SIS, WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?

UMMM...

LET'S SEE.

AND I WAS ALWAYS WONDERING WHY SHE WAS CALLED

"MAOU-SAMA"

LANDLADY IS AWESOME!

LOTS OF TASTY FOOD?!

THAT'S ALL SHE CARES ABOUT?!

LANDLADY IS FROM A HUGE CASTLE IN THE DEMON WORLD THAT MAKES LOTS OF TASTY FOOD.

SHE OWNS SEVERAL DIFFERENT PLACES HERE IN ADDITION TO THE MANSION WE ARE CURRENTLY IN.

SHE ISN'T SHOCKED ABOUT HER BEING A DEMON.

YOU ARE ONE-OF-A-KIND, LITTLE GIRL.

GOOD FOOD IS IMPORTANT!

IT'S A NICE BREEZE.

AH...

YEAH...

I GUESS WE'VE BEEN DECIEVING YOU.

YOU WERE STARTLED.

MY SISTER DIDN'T CARE AT ALL.

SHE IS A REALLY STRONG GIRL

NO, THAT'S NOT IT

I WAS JUST A LITTLE SURPRISED.

THE FOOD AND WARMTH WE RECEIVED THAT DAY SAVED US FROM DEATH.

AND YOU TAUGHT US SOMETHING EVEN MORE IMPORTANT

IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT WE'VE BEEN SAVED BY YOU.

EVEN IF LANDLADY IS A DEMON,

OR IF HEAD MAID OR HERO IS A DEMON,

BUT

I'M SHOCKED IN A DIFFERENT WAY

WAR IS SCARY, TWISTED, AND AN ABSOLUTE EVIL..

THAT WAS ALL I THOUGHT

I DIDN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT WAR UNTIL NOW,

SO I WAS SIMPLY AFRAID.

I ACCEPTED THAT

WITHOUT EVEN THINKING THROUGH IT PROPERLY

"BUT WHAT CAN WE DO?

THEY'RE DEMONS."

YET THERE WAS ALSO A ME WHO CLAIMED

WAR AGAINST THE DEMONS DOESN'T COUNT

THERE WAS A ME WHO CLAIMED

WAR IS NEVER RIGHT

THAT DOESN'T MEAN DEMONS ARE GOOD.

I BELIEVED IN IT BECAUSE I THOUGHT DEMONS WERE EVIL.

I WAS SHOCKED THAT

THERE WAS A ME WHO THOUGHT SUCH A THING

I WOULD HAVE QUICKLY REALIZED MY IGNORANCE IF I STOPPED AND REFLECTED ON IT FOR A MOMENT

"WHY IS THERE WAR?"

I ASKED LANDLADY ONCE.

I KNOW LANDLADY AND HEAD MAID,

SO I WOULD KNOW ABOUT IT

BUT THEY AREN'T EVIL EITHER

SHE TOLD ME THAT

WHILE WEARING A SAD EXPRESSION.

GETTING ALONG FIGHTING WITH EACH OTHER GOING TO WAR.

THEY ARE ALL ESSENTIALLY THE SAME.

WHEN TWO DIFFERENT EXIS-TENCES MEET

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAPPEN IS CONFLICT

MANY PEOPLE DIE IN A WAR

SUCH TRAGEDY IS ALSO A PART OF AN ENCOUNTER.

AND A STEPPING STONE TO GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

THERE IS NO WAY SUCH A TRAGIC THING COULD BE AN "ENCOUNTER".

I WAS SO FOOLISH BACK THEN.

THERE WAS A TIME

WHEN I EVEN CURSED THE HOLY SPIRIT

I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING BACK THEN.

AND TO BE HONEST, I'M STILL UNSURE

AS TO WHAT SORT OF FEELINGS LED HER TO MAKE SUCH A FACE.

I HAD NO IDEA

WHAT LANDLADY WAS FEELING WHEN SHE SAID "ENCOUNTER"

BUT I THINK I NEED TO BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND

FOR MY OWN SAKE...

BOTH YOU...

AND YOUR SISTER.

NO, NOT AT ALL...

YOU'VE GOTTEN STRONGER.

EH?

ARE

MY PROUD PUPILS

OKAY..

LET'S GO BACK INSIDE. IT'S GETTING COLD

THE WORLD IS LARGE AND ENDLESS.

THERE ARE COUNTLESS LIVING SOULS.

IT'S HARSH, DIRTY, FILTHY, AND TWISTED,

YET WARM, SOFT, AND BEAUTIFUL.

IT KEEPS CREATING ALL KINDS OF RELATIONSHIPS.

YOU'VE ALREADY GROWN YOUR OWN PAIR OF WINGS,

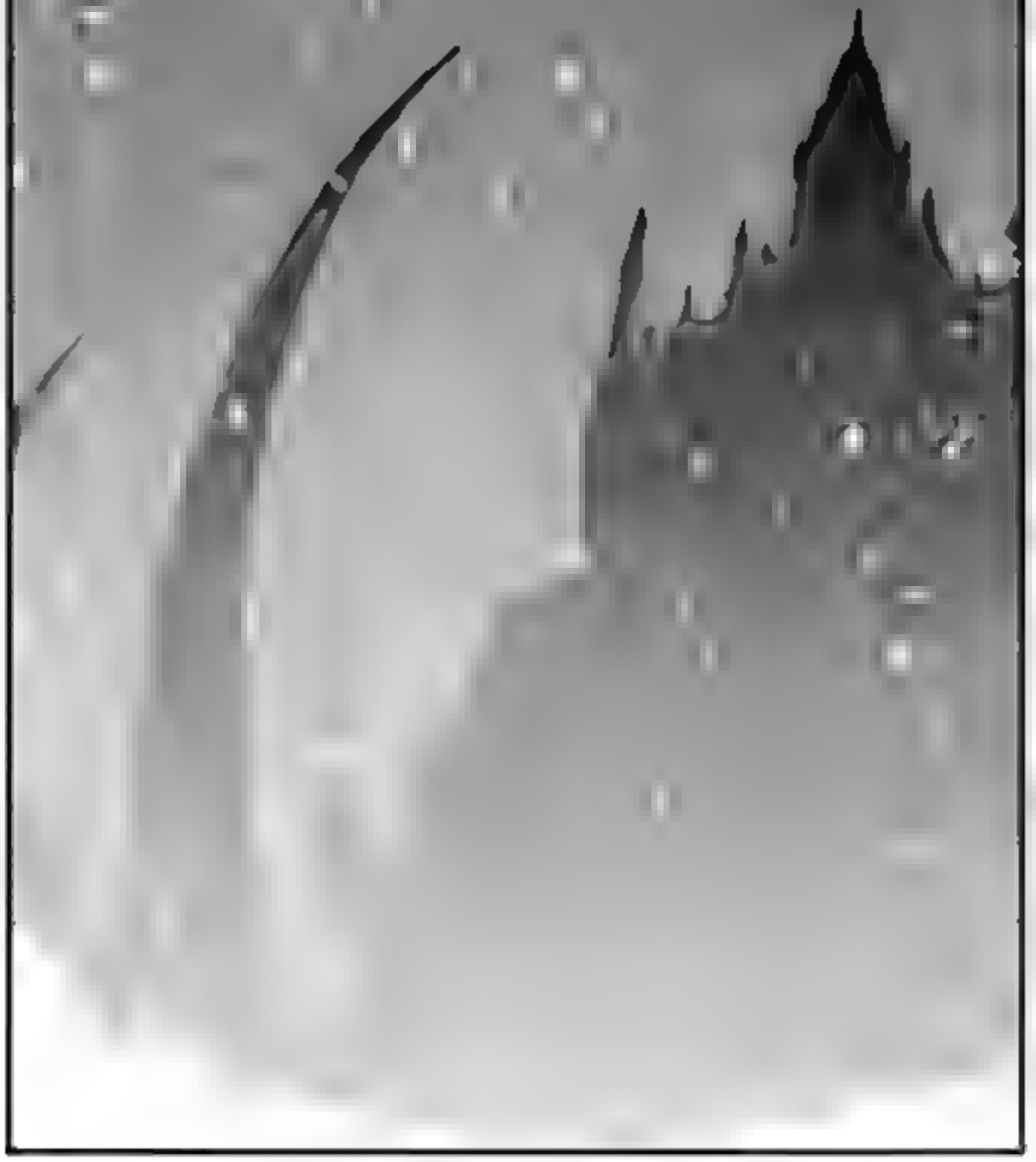
SO I'M SURE YOU CAN ONE DAY LOOK AT IT AND UNDERSTAND.

THIS WORLD CAN SHOULDER ALL OF THAT

IT'S MASSIVE.

AS LONG AS YOU NEVER GIVE UP.

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO.



WE ARE READY AS WELL.
TONS OF SOUVENIRS--
WE DIDN'T BRING MUCH IN THE FIRST PLACE.

DEFINITELY NOT!

WELL...

I BET NO ONE'S GOING TO BELIEVE US

IF WE TELL THEM WE DIPPED INTO THE HOT SPRING AT DEMON LORD'S CASTLE.

IT'S REALLY NICE THAT WE DON'T WASTE ANY TIME FOR TRAVEL

WELL, IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A SECRET SPELL.

YOU SURE?

NO NEED.

I'LL DO IT

You know the coordinates to Gateway City?

WHY DON'T YOU SEND THE GENERAL OFF FIRST?

WE CAN WAIT FOR YOU.

PLEASANT TRIP.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

WE'LL GO WITH FEMALE MAGICIAN THEN.

SURE~

I'M COUNTING ON YOU, HERO.

LET'S GO BACK TO OUR WINTER VILLAGE~

THEN WE SHOULD GO TOO.

THERE'LL BE A MOUNTAIN OF WORK WAITING FOR YOU WHEN YOU GET BACK.

Nooooo...

YEAH, I MIGHT FEEL LIKE GIVING UP ON EVERYTHING

IF I STAYED IN THE BATH ANY LONGER.

I BETTER GATHER UP INFORMATION AND PREPARE SOME BARGAINING MATERIALS.

ALSO, I'M WORRIED ABOUT LONE WINTER KING AND HOW CENTRAL IS MOVING.

I KNOW.

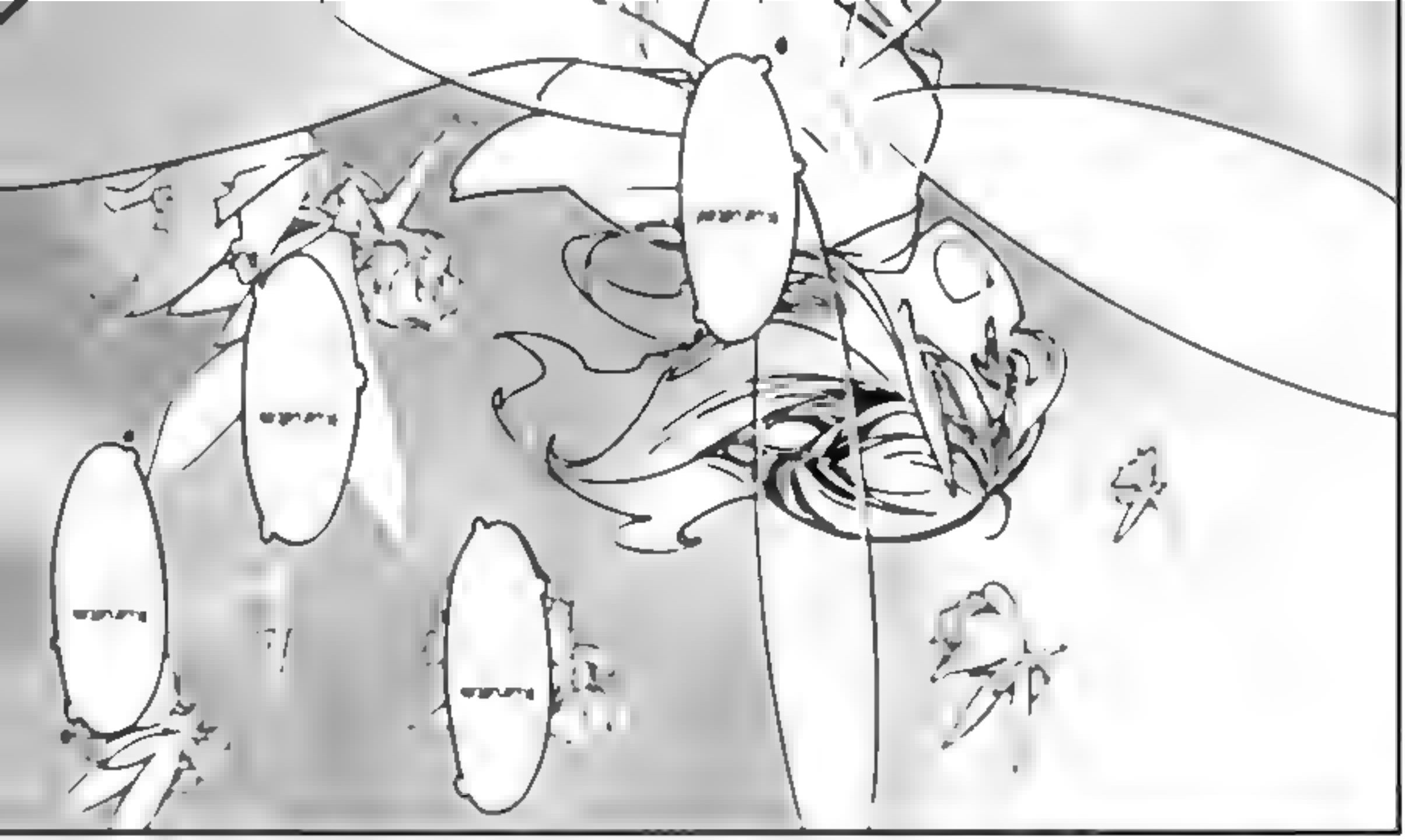
THEY WILL BE ARRIVING SOON.

KURULTAI IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

IT'S ABOUT TIME

FOR THE CHIEFS OF EACH CLAN TO START HEADING TOWARDS KURULTAI.

WE NEED TO GET READY QUICKLY.



"IUKANOU CLAN"
TATTOO ONLY

"FAIRY CLAN"
FAIRY QUEEN

"GIANT CLAN"
SIR GIANT

WHAT COULD POSSIBLY ..

I SEE.

IT LOOKS LIKE

A BAD OMEN CAME UP ON THE FORTUNE?

WON'T END PEACEFULLY

THIS KURULTAI

"OGRE CLAN"
OGRE'S PRINCESS SHRINE MAIDEN

I HAVE NO INTENTION TO FOLLOW WHAT THAT INCOMPETENT DEMON QUEEN SAYS.

HA!

WHAT WILL BE DECIDED IN THIS KURULTAI?

"BEAST FANG CLAN"
DUKE SILVER TIGER

"MACHINE CLAN"
BLUE STEEL COMMANDER

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"DRAGON CLAN"
ARCHDUKE FIRE DRAGON

YES SIR!

YOU KNOW WHAT WE NEED TO DO...

RIGHT?

HOW IS THE PRINCE?

HE SHOULD BE CHECKING WITH THE CREST OFFICIALS.

"BLUE DEMON CLAN"
BLUE DEMON KING

IT'S FINE.

THERE'S NO POINT IN GETTING CHECKED.

ARE YOU SURE?

ACCORDING TO THE KING...

BLUE DEMON TERRITORY
BLUE DEMON PALACE

FATHER IS BEING TOO CAUTIOUS.

EVERY DEMON KNOWS

WHAT THIS SEAL MEANS.

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